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1. ISRAELI EMBASSY HAS INFORMED US THAT THEIR DELEGATION TO SUBJECT MEETING HAS NOT YET BEEN GRANTED VISAS. INTOURIST HAS NOW CONFIRMED ISRAELI HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR MEETING BUT NOT FOR STUDY TOUR, HOWEVER, WHEN ISRAELI DELEGATION APPLIED FOR VISAS IN VIENNA, SOVIET CONSULATE SAID THEY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO ISSUE VISAS. SOVIET MISSION HERE CHECKING WITH MOSCOW.

2. IF SOVIETS DO NOT ISSUE VISAS OVER WEEKEND, ISRAELIS ARE URGING THAT WESTERN COUNTRY DELEGATES AT MEETING MONDAY MORNING DECIDE NOT TO START MEETING UNTIL ISRAELIS ARRIVE.

3. ECE SECRETARIAT MEMBERS' VISAS WERE NOT ISSUED UNTIL TODAY, BUT THEY DO HAVE INTOURIST CONFIRMATION FOR BOTH MEETING IN MOSCOW AND STUDY TOUR. ISRAELIS ARE ALSO CONCERNED

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THAT EVEN IF SOVIETS ISSUE VISAS THEY MAY NOT LET THEM GO ON STUDY TOUR. WE HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO CANVAS OTHER DELEGATIONS BUT WE UNDERSTAND UKIDELEGATE RECEIVED VISA WITH NO PROBLEM. BELGIANS HAVE INITIATED CONSULTATION PROCEDURES WITH EC-9 AND EC-9 WILL MEET IN MOSCOW MONDAY MORNING TO DECIDE THEIR POSITION.

4. RECOMMEND US DEL BE INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT OR
INITIATE PROPOSAL THAT MEETING NOT START UNTIL ISRAELIS
RECEIVE THEIR VISAS. WASH. WILL RECALL SOVIETS DENIED ISRAELIS
VISAS FOR HOUSING, BUILDING, PLANNING STUDY TOUR IN USSR
SEPT. 1976, STUDY TOUR WAS THEREFORE DECLARED NOT AN ECE
FUNCTION AND MOST WESTERN COUNTRIES DIDNOT PARTICIPATE. THIS
TIME PROBLEM CONCERNS BOTH STUDY TOUR AND MEETING ITSELF AND
A SOVIET DENIAL OF VISAS WOULD CONSTITUTE AN EVEN MORE FLAGRANT
VIOLATION OF ART. ELEVEN OF ECE TERMS OF REFERENCE.VANDEN HEUVEL

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